

think as fairs get smaller and we get less people, there will be more of them merging as we go along. This doesn't affect that at all, though, Senator.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Does anyone else wish to speak to this bill? Seeing none, Senator Schellpeper do you have closing?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I think it's been explained real well. It's a bill. We're not attempting to do that much different. We just want to clear up some things. We want to make them accountable, because we found out last year that some of the county ag societies were not accountable and I think this way, with this bill, it'll make them a lot more accountable to the people that are paying the taxes and it will just be a better image for the ag societies. With that, I urge you to support the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We will now vote on the Schellpeper bill, LB 398. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the motion to advance LB 398.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 398 is advanced. LB 245.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 245 was a bill introduced by Senator Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 14, and referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Education Committee. Senator, I also have some amendments to committee amendments that I believe were filed last year. I don't know if you still need those or not.

SENATOR WITHEM: I think we'll withdraw those.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I think we withdrew those because we were going to ask that the current set of committee amendments not be adopted and we have a rewrite of those that we'll be offering